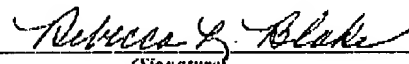


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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-28, 33-35, 38 and 39, for examination.

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Applicants recognize that restriction practice seeks to avoid multiple searches. However, MPEP 803 provides that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is respectfully submitted that the examination of all the claims in this application will not place an undue burden on the PTO. Note, particularly, that any searching needed to examine the unelected claims of Group II is a subset of that needed for Group I. Thus, no additional searching is required to examine the Group II claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for restriction be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants were required to make three species elections. Applicants respectfully traverse each species election requirement on the ground that the claims as filed include sufficiently few species that a search and examination of all species would not impose a serious burden on the examiner.

With respect to the thermosetting resin, Applicants elect, with traverse, epoxy resins. Applicants believe that Claims 1-28, 33-35, 38 and 39 read on the elected species.

With respect to the compatibilizing agent, Applicants elect, with traverse, polyvinyl acetal resins. Applicants believe that Claims 1-28, 33-35, 38 and 39 read on the elected species.

With respect to the curing agent, Applicants elect, with traverse, arylene polyamines. Applicants believe that Claims 1-21, 23-28, 33-35, 38 and 39 read on the elected species.


It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action.

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